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foams including regenerated cellulose foams; hydrophilic flexible foams; fiber-foam composites; absorbent nonwoven webs; the foam-structured fibrous absorbent materials of F.-J. Chen et al. disclosed in the commonly owned, copending US patent application "Fibrous Absorbent Material and Methods of Making the Same," Serial Number 09/083,873, filed May 22, 1998, herein incorporated by reference; or absorbent foams produced from high internal phase emulsions (HIPE), such as the foams disclosed in US Patent No. 5,692,939, issued Dec. 2, 1997 to DesMarais, herein incorporated by reference. The absorbent materials of the absorbent core can also comprise corrugated absorbent materials for enhanced longitudinal transport of fluid, such as the materials disclosed in US Patent No. 4,578,070, issued Mar. 25, 1986 to Holtman, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph at page 24, lines 24-28 with the following amended paragraph:

A commercially available air-laid web is AIRTEX™ 395 air-laid web sold by ~~James River Corporation~~ Georgia-Pacific Corporation located in Green Bay, Wisconsin. AIRTEX 395 air-laid web is 100% virgin softwood held together by an acrylic binder. Concert Fabrication Ltee, of ~~Ontario~~ Quebec, Canada, also produces a variety of densified airlaid webs held together with thermoplastic binder material.

Please replace the paragraph at page 29, line 34 through page 30, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

The outer absorbent member can comprise the same absorbent materials as the central absorbent member or other absorbent materials known in the art, with cellulosic fibers being desirable for their low cost, good visual and tactile properties, good absorbent capacity, and biodegradability. Desirably, the outer absorbent member is fibrous with fibers that are essentially ~~discontiguous~~ noncontiguous with the central absorbent member (i.e., the central absorbent member and the outer absorbent member do not share fibers that join the two members). The outer absorbent member desirably has a lower basis weight than the central absorbent member but still provides several important functions. Generally, it is intended that the outer absorbent member remain unwetted except in cases of heavy flow. The unwetted structure of the outer absorbent member does not collapse but maintains high integrity in the dry state, which helps maintain the shape and fit of the article.

When it does become wetted, the outer absorbent member can serve as an indicator that the absorbent article needs to be replaced. The indicator can be visual (e.g., the user sees that flow has reached the outer absorbent member, indicating the need to replace the article), tactile (e.g., fluid reaching the outer absorbent member can react with an agent that produces cold or heat in the outer absorbent member, or the decreased stiffness of the outer absorbent member when wetted may result in a noticeable change in the feel of the article when compressed by the user's legs), olfactory (e.g., microencapsulated perfumes in the outer absorbent member may be released upon wetting to provide a pleasant smell as a cue for changing the article), or auditory (dry particles may swell and emit a crackling sound when wetted, analogous to puffed rice cereal, or a small electronic circuit may emit a beep when conductive fluid contacts one or more electrodes).

Please replace the paragraph at page 44, lines 3-11 with the following amended paragraph:

Skin comfort can be enhanced with the addition to the topsheet or body side surface of the absorbent core of other desirable materials such as aloe vera derivatives, lotions, emollients, silicone compounds, vitamin E, or derivatives of tallow and vegetable oils for softness and lubricity. Agents to reduce or prevent itching and skin redness can be included on the topsheet, backsheet, or absorbent members of the present members of the present invention, and can include the product sold as ENTELINE 2® by ~~Persperse~~ Presperse, Inc. (Piscataway, NJ) which comprises butylene ~~colycol~~ glycol, glycerin, and enteromorpha compressa extract. In general, additional layers, films, particulates, and chemicals can be added through the articles of the present invention.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the foregoing, the specification has been rewritten to correct inadvertent typographical errors. More specifically,

- 5 1. at page 5, lines 1 and page 30, line 3, the word “discontiguous” has
 been replaced with the word --noncontiguous--;
2. at page 24, line 9, the repetition of the phrase “central absorbent
 member” has been replaced by the phrase --outer absorbent member--;
- 10 3. at page 24, line 24, the name of the vendor, “James River” has been
 corrected to read --Georgia-Pacific--;
4. at page 24, line 26, the business location of Concert Fabrication, Ltee
15 has been corrected to read --Quebec, Canada--;
5. at page 44, line 8, the name of the vendor, “Persperse, Inc.” has been
 corrected to read --Presperse, Inc.--;
- 20 6. at page 44, line 9, the chemical name “butylene colycol” has been
 corrected to recite --butylene glycol--.

Claims 1-28 remain in the application.

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An early and favorable action on the merits is solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form, in an effort to advance this application toward its allowance, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated phone number.

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